

TOWN OF ELLINGTON
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 22, 2011

Members Present: Shawn Koehler, Edward Duell, Jeff Gerber

Members Absent: Daniel Parisi (Chairman), Joe Stimac,

Others Present: Jim Thompson, Town Engineer, Lori Spielman, BOS Liaison, Peter Williams, WPCA Administrator and Kristin Michaud, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Duell called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. CITIZENS FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

MOVED (KOELHER) SECONDED (GERBER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADD TO THE AGENDA COURTNEY DRIVE EXTENSION TO ITEM #1 UNDER NEW BUSINESS.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

1. B & B Letter dated November 18, 2010 – High CO Level

Jim Thompson, Town Engineer, stated that Natural Country had a bad sewer that was plugged up and not flowing. They eliminated the bad piping and rerouted the sewer piping which seems to be solving the problem.

Peter Williams, WPCA Administrator, suggested having that area tested again just to be sure.

Mr. Thompson agreed they should test again and it will be done before the next regular meeting of the WPCA.

NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS

2. Airport Extension Odor Control

Mr. Thompson explained that they have had a pilot project on the odor control at this site. The problem is there is not enough sewage flow out of the airport. The sewage is staying in the force main causing hydrogen discharge. They have treated the problem starting at the head and from there down. They installed a meter at the pump station before treatment and monitored the treatment that way. They are slowly increasing gallons per day. The test system has been working, and it is time to make the installation permanent by adding a 1500 gallon BIOXIDE tank with fence at the site.

Mr. Williams explained the Commission needed to vote on the project.

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GERBER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE SIGNING OF SIEMEN'S PURCHASE AGREEMENT, E & E FENCE PROPOSAL AND PURCHASE OF MATERIALS RELATED TO THE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,068 AS DISCRIBED IN BUCK & BUCK'S LETTER DATED JUNE 21, 2011.

Commissioner Koehler asked about protection of the tank from the sun. Mr. Thompson stated that he would look into that.

3. Review – Stafford Plant Upgrade

Mr. Williams noted that they are basically done and will be putting numbers together and he expects a bill in the next few months.

NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS

4. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Courtney Drive Extension

Mr. Williams reviewed with the Commission how this is a new industrial subdivision just approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission. He reviewed the developers agreement and bonding with the Commission.

Scott Luginbuhl, 5 Benjamin Drive, stated he would like to construct the entire sewer line before they bond. He noted that he realizes he would have to bond before any sale and a bond would need to be in place beforehand.

Mr. Williams reviewed the procedure for bonding with the Commission.

Mr. Thompson stated that is usually how it is done. Before the developer can sell a lot Mr. Thompson would go out and determine the value of the work left and then have the developers bond the balance of the project.

Mr. Williams noted that the bonds have been figured once already and if the Town Engineer has to go out again it will be at the expense of the developer.

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (DUELL) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE NO BOND REQUIREMENT UNTIL THE SALE OF THE LOTS FOR COURTNEY DRIVE EXTENSION.

Mr. Williams asked Mr. Thompson if a bond is posted, when would it be released. Mr. Thompson explained that the maintenance is 5% of the bond.

Mr. Luginbuhl asked about the amount of the benefit assessment of the lots comparing them to the current apartments going up.

Mr. Williams explained that the benefit assessment is the potential of the commercial lot value not what it is being used for the benefit that lot has for commercial use, based on the size of the building.

Commissioner Duell stated that there was a difference between a building and housing.

Mr. Williams stated that the law says if the benefit assessment is more than the benefit of the lot it can be contested.

Discussion ensued.

NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS

2. 41 Village Street

Mr. Williams noted this address was nothing but a pile of lumber across from Car Care. It used to be a house 20 years ago. He stated the owners have stopped paying the benefit assessment on the property. The tax department is running a bill but there is no use there. The homeowner has already paid the benefit assessment for the time it was occupied.

Commissioner Koehler asked if the sewer had been capped off. Mr. Williams stated he would check to see if it has.

Mr. Williams will come up with a motion for the next regular meeting.

NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS

5. ADMINISTRATIVE:

1. Design, Construction, & Maintenance Reports:

- i. Project 2008-4 Stafford Road Extension
Set Public Hearing

Mr. Williams stated that he has put in a STEAP grant in the amount of \$75,000 and will hopefully hear something before October and complete the project before winter.

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GERBER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PROJECT 2008-4 STAFFORD ROAD EXTENSION FOR AUGUST 17, 2011.

Mr. Williams also noted that he would like to obtain a wetlands approval if needed this summer.

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GERBER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN ENGINEER TO APPLY (IF NEEDED) FOR A WETLANDS PERMIT FOR PROJECT 2008-4 STAFFORD ROAD EXTENSION.

2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2011.

Due to posting conflict the May 18, 2011 minutes were not official. All motions at that meeting were accepted with the following motions:

MOVED (DUELL) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE MOTIONS MADE AT THE MAY 18, 2011 MEETING AS ACTED UPON.

MOVED (DUELL) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE WPCA ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN OFF ON THE DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENTS IN LIEU OF THE CHAIRMAN SIGNATURE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (DUELL) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE PETER WILLIAMS, WPCA ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR A STEAP GRANT WITH THE FIRST SELECTMAN AND PUT THE BID ON HOLD TO SEE IF THE STEAP GRANT IS APPROVED BEFORE SENDING THE PROJECT OUT TO BID FOR THE STAFFORD ROAD EXTENSION PROJECT.

MOVED (DUELL) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE APRIL 26, 2011 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES.

MOVED (DUELL) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND INVITE ALL THOSE PRESENT AT 7:20 PM.

MOVED (DUELL) SECONDED (KOELHER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:45 PM.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (GERBER) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Michaud